
0600Du--Nearshore Sed & Water--Preassessment-Late JUL 2010

****DATA SOURCE****
Data were compiled from surveys conducted in the Gulf of Mexico. Data were compiled from NewFields Environmental Forensics Practice, LLC (Alpha) lab electronic data. The data sets were for samples collected from the Nearshore Sed & Water--Preassessment study conducted in late July 2010. The following SDGs (QC Batches) have been incorported into the database: 1007225, 1007226, 1008001, 1008002, 1008003, 1008004, 1008005, 1008006, 1008007, and 1008008.

****STUDY****
The data include water and sediment chemistry data.

****STATION****
StationIDs are based on the locations recorded in the field sampling database.

****SAMPLES AND REPLICATES****
The collection depth of water samples in the fields UDepth and LDepth are reported in meters. The collection depth of sediment samples in the fields UDepth and LDepth are reported in centimeters.

The original SampleIDs reported by the lab from the Chain-of-Custody is stored in the ExSampID field in the SmpWat.dbf table. The original SampleID reported by field staff is stored in FldSampID in the SmpWat.dbf table.

The default labrep code "1A" was used for all data. Lab duplicates (second analysis of same sample for same analytical method) were assigned labrep "2A". Field duplicates were identified as those samples with a "D" suffix on the SampleID.

Several analytes are reported from 2 different analytical methods. The "preferred" result (usually with lower detection limits) is given the default labrep code (e.g., "1A" or "2A"). The results from the non-preferred analytical method have a "X" appended to the labrep code (e.g., "1AX" or "2AX")

The following chemcode/analytes were measured using two methods:

Methods: PIANO Volatile Hydrocarbons by GC/MS | 8260M and Total Saturated Hydrocarbons by GC/FID | 8015M
AHCN_C09/ Nonane
AHCN_C10/ Decane
AHCN_C11/ Undecane
AHCN_C12/ Dodecane
AHCN_C13/ Tridecane
The results for PIANO Volatile Hydrocarbons by GC/MS were assigned labrep "1AX"

Methods: PIANO Volatile Hydrocarbons by GC/MS | 8260M and Alkylated Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons | 8270M
BTHIOPHNE/ Benzo(b)thiophene
METHNAP_1/ 1-Methylnaphthalene
METHNAP_2/ 2-Methylnaphthalene
NAPTHALENE/ Naphthalene
The results for PIANO Volatile Hydrocarbons by GC/MS were assigned labrep "1AX"

Alpha Lab Analytical Methods:
Total Saturated Hydrocarbons by GC/FID | 8015M | SOP. 0-003 Rev. 5 (abbreviated as 8015 M - Tot Sat. HC - GC/FID)
Alkylated Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons | 8270M | SOP. 0-008 Rev. 6 (abbreviated as 8270 M - Alkylated PAHs)
PIANO Volatile Hydrocarbons by GC/MS | 8260M | SOP. 0-019 Rev. 2 (abbreviated as 8260 M - PIANO VolHC - GC/MS)

****SUMMED PARAMETERS****
No sums were calculated and appended to the data set.

****QUALIFIERS****
Qualifiers recorded in the chemistry files represent the final data qualifiers provided by the data validation. Descriptions of the data qualifiers are included in the data dictionary.

****OTHER****
The original analyte reported as Benzo(k)fluoranthene was identifed by the data validators to be a coelution of Benzo(k)fluoranthene and Benzo(j)fluoranthene. Therefore, the chemical data for the original Benzo(k)fluoranthene results have been assigned a chemical code for Benzo(j+k)fluoranthene.

The original analyte in Alpha lab EDDs reported as "Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (C9-C44)" was proposed to need further distinction based on information acquired from the data validators. The analyte was not subjected to silica gel cleanup; thus, it was suggested that the results represented "Total Extractable Matter (C9-C44)". This is the chemical code/chemical name used to report these original total petroleum hydrocarbon results in the final chemistry tables.